

650—25.2 (153) Continuing education requirements.

25.2(1) Each person licensed to practice dentistry or dental hygiene in this state shall complete during the biennium renewal period a minimum of 30 hours of continuing education approved by the board. However, for the dental hygiene renewal period beginning July 1, 2006, and ending August 30, 2007, a dental hygienist shall complete a minimum of 12 hours of continuing education approved by the board.

25.2(2) The continuing education compliance period shall be the 24-month period commencing September 1 and ending on August 31 of the renewal cycle. However, for the dental hygiene renewal period beginning July 1, 2006, and ending August 30, 2007, the continuing education compliance period for dental hygienists shall be the 14-month period commencing July 1, 2006, and ending August 30, 2007. For the dental assistant renewal period beginning July 1, 2005, and ending August 30, 2007, the continuing education compliance period for dental assistants shall be the previous 26-month period. For the dental license renewal period beginning July 1, 2006, and ending August 30, 2008, the continuing education compliance period for dentists shall be the previous 26-month period.

25.2(3) Hours of continuing education credit may be obtained by attending and participating in a continuing education activity, either previously approved by the board or which otherwise meets the requirement herein and is approved by the board pursuant to subrule 25.3(5).

25.2(4) It is the responsibility of each licensee or registrant to finance the costs of continuing education.

25.2(5) Every licensee or registrant shall maintain a record of all courses attended by keeping the certificates of attendance for four years after the end of the year of attendance. The board reserves the right to require any licensee or registrant to submit the certificates of attendance for the continuing education courses attended.

25.2(6) Licensees and registrants are responsible for obtaining proof of attendance forms when attending courses. Clock hours must be verified by the sponsor with the issuance of proof of attendance forms to the licensee or registrant.

25.2(7) Each licensee or registrant shall file a signed continuing education reporting form reflecting the required minimum number of continuing education credit hours in compliance with this chapter and 650—Chapter 20. Such report shall be filed with the board at the time of application for renewal of a dental or dental hygiene license or renewal of dental assistant registration.

25.2(8) No carryover of credits from one biennial period to the next will be allowed.

25.2(9) Mandatory training for child abuse and dependent adult abuse reporting.

a. Licensees or registrants who regularly examine, attend, counsel or treat children in Iowa shall indicate on the renewal application completion of two hours of training in child abuse identification and reporting in the previous five years or conditions for exemptions as identified in paragraph “f” of this subrule.

b. Licensees or registrants who regularly examine, attend, counsel or treat adults in Iowa shall indicate on the renewal application completion of two hours of training in dependent adult abuse identification and reporting in the previous five years or conditions for exemptions as identified in paragraph “f” of this subrule.

c. Licensees or registrants who regularly examine, attend, counsel or treat both children and adults in Iowa shall indicate on the renewal application completion of at least two hours of training on the identification and reporting of abuse in children and dependent adults in the previous five years or conditions for exemptions as identified in paragraph “f” of this subrule. Training may be completed through separate courses or in one combined course that includes curricula for identifying and reporting child abuse and dependent adult abuse. Up to three hours of continuing education may be awarded for taking a combined course.

d. The licensee or registrant shall maintain written documentation for five years after completion of the mandatory training, including program date(s), content, duration, and proof of participation. The board may audit this information at any time within the five-year period.

e. Training programs in child and dependent adult abuse identification and reporting that are approved by the board are those that use a curriculum approved by the abuse education review panel of the department of public health or a training program offered by the department of human services, the department of education, an area education agency, a school district, the Iowa law enforcement academy, an Iowa college or university, or a similar state agency.

f. Exemptions. Licensees and registrants shall be exempt from the requirement for mandatory training for identifying and reporting child and dependent adult abuse if the board determines that it is in the public interest or that at the time of the renewal the licensee or registrant is issued an extension or exemption pursuant to 650—25.7(153).

25.2(10) Licensees, faculty permit holders, and registrants shall furnish evidence of valid certification for cardiopulmonary resuscitation, which shall be credited toward the continuing education requirement for renewal of the license, faculty permit or registration. Such evidence shall be filed at the time of renewal of the license, faculty permit or registration. Credit hours awarded shall not exceed three continuing education credit hours per biennium. Valid certification means certification by an organization on an annual basis or, if that certifying organization requires certification on a less frequent basis, evidence that the licensee or registrant has been properly certified for each year covered by the renewal period. In addition, the course must include a clinical component.